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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Los Angeles – LAX Among Six US Airports to Funnel Passengers from Ebola Impacted Regions

(U) The CDC has advised that it is closely following the outbreaks of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Guinea. Beginning next week, the US government will funnel travelers from DRC and Guinea to six US airports to include Newark, Dulles, JFK, Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare, and LAX. Airlines will collect and transmit passenger information to CDC for public health follow-up and intervention for all passengers boarding a flight to the US who were in DRC or Guinea within the previous 21 days. Passengers can expect verification of data on arrival to ensure completeness and accurateness of contact information. This information will be shared with US state and local health departments to appropriately monitor arrivals in their jurisdiction.

SOURCE: 26 February 2021, CDC Media Release

#### (U) Modesto – 80 Firearms, Cash Seized in Drug and Weapons Sales Raid

(U) Modesto police seized 80 guns, more than \$140,000 and 120-pounds of marijuana Thursday during a raid that was part of an investigation into a drug and gun ring, officials said. Modesto police said they served search warrants at various locations, confiscating 1,700 marijuana plants and \$150,000 worth of assets as part of the raids. Luis Fernando Valencia, 23, and Luis Alfonso Valencia, 18, were arrested and charged with possession of an assault weapon, possession of a silencer, committing a felony while on bail and possession of marijuana with intent to sell, according to arrest records.

SOURCE: 27 February 2021, Fox 23 News

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Colorado – Man Sentenced for Plot to Bomb Synagogue

(U) Pueblo — Richard Holzer, 28, who prosecutors say is a self-identified neo-Nazi was sentenced to more than 19-years for a plan to blow up one of the state's oldest synagogues. Holzer was sentenced to 235-months in prison and 15-years of supervised release for the plan to target Temple Emanuel Synagogue in Pueblo, said the US Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. Holzer confessed after his arrest and said that while he didn't plan to kill anyone, he still would have gone ahead with the attack even if people had been inside, according to court documents. Inert dynamite and pipe bombs were supplied by the FBI and could not have exploded, officials said. Holzer planned to detonate what he thought were explosives in the early morning hours of 2 November 2019.

SOURCE: 26 February 2021, NBC News

## (U) District of Columbia – More Than 300 Arrested to Date for Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – The US Justice Department has charged more than 300 people with taking part in the 6 January Capitol riot, and at least 280 have been arrested, Acting Deputy Attorney General John Carlin said Friday. A senior FBI official said the bureau is "watching very closely for any reaction from individuals that would show either an intent to commit an attack or somebody that has already committed one."

SOURCE: 26 February 2021, Reuters

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#### (U) Kansas – Three Officers Injured in Explosion at Vacant Home

(U) Wichita – Three police officers have been injured in a possible explosion after being dispatched to a vacant home. The incident happened on 27 February, when officers from the Wichita Police Department received a call and were subsequently dispatched to check on a vacant home, according to the Wichita Police Department. "After making entry into the residence, three officers sustained injuries from a possible explosion from an unknown device," authorities said.

SOURCE: 28 February 2021, ABC News

## (U) Maryland - Man Fires Shots at US Secret Service Facility

(U) Beltsville – Jeremiah Peter Watson, 22, fired shots at security guards at a US Secret Service facility in Maryland Thursday evening, according to the Maryland US attorney's office. Watson pulled up to a gated entry at the facility in Beltsville, got out of the car and aggressively approached the security guard, according to the US attorney's office. He continued to approach despite orders to stop, and the security guard used pepper spray. Watson went back to his car and began to drive away while another security guard and a Secret Service officer arrived. Watson made a U-turn and fired a handgun at the officers, who sought shelter in their bulletproof guard house, according to the US attorney's office. Watson made another U-turn and continued firing before leaving. A security guard got the license plate number and reported it to US Park Police who arrested him at his home.

SOURCE: 26 February 2021, NBC Washington

### (U) Ohio – Man Arrested for Making Terrorist Threat Against Police, School

(U) Port Huron – Port Huron police announced yesterday an Ohio man has been charged with making a terrorism threat against police officers and an elementary school. Dominik Hricovsky, 32, was arraigned yesterday on charges of threat of terrorism, discharging a firearm in or at a building, two felony firearm counts, being a felon in possession of a firearm, resisting and obstructing, and being a habitual offender. The charges are tied to an incident reported Wednesday morning. Police said emergency dispatch for St. Clair County "received several calls from an unknown male making threats to burn down Cleveland Elementary School and shoot police officers." Officers responded to the school, which went into a "soft lockdown," police said. Dispatchers traced the calls to an apartment, where officers found Hricovsky visiting his girlfriend, and placed under arrest police said.

SOURCE: 28 February 2021, Tribune Publishing

#### (U) Oregon - Anti-ICE Protest Ends in Property Damage

(U) Portland – An estimated 150 people marched through Portland's Pearl District on the evening of 27 February for several hours in a direct-action protest in opposition to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Some individuals in the group spray-painted the US Citizenship and Immigration Services field office downtown. Windows were smashed out at a handful of businesses as well. Police said officers responded to criminal behavior and made two arrests. There were several items seized that could be used as weapons, including a large bat.

SOURCE: 28 February 2021, KGW 8

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Mexico – Gunmen Kill 11 in Western Mexico

(U) Tonala – Unidentified gunmen riding in a truck opened fire with rifles on 27 February killing 11 people in Mexico's western state of Jalisco, causing injuries to a woman and child as well, authorities said. Jalisco, where a former governor was shot dead in December 2020, is one of the epicenters of

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Mexico's drug-related violence, and home to the powerful Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG). The state prosecutor's office said 10 men with gunshot wounds were found dead outside a home in Tonala, a municipality in the Guadalajara area, with another male body discovered inside. SOURCE: 27 February 2021, Reuters

## (U) Nigeria – More Than 300 Schoolgirls Kidnapped at Boarding School

(U) Jangebe – More than 300 schoolgirls were abducted from a boarding school in northern Nigeria in an attack on Friday. Armed men took 317 girls from the Government Girls Secondary School in Jangebe, Zamfara state, police said. A government official said that the gunmen spent several hours at the school during the ambush in the early hours of Friday morning and that an officer was killed during the attack. A state police spokesman added a "heavily-armed" joint rescue operation was underway to free the children.

SOURCE: 27 February 2021, Insider

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